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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

5 June 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
Counsellor to the President
Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President
Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Leaks

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I would suggest for a first step that the President issue a memorandum to members of the Cabinet and other appropriate senior officials along the lines of the attached. It appears that the last President to issue such a memorandum was President Eisenhower. I attach a copy of the paper he sent.

Should the problem continue, as one would expect that it would, it would seem necessary for the President to take further steps such as these:

-- Requiring the head of a department or agency to authorize personally and in writing any discussion with the press by subordinates of matters concerning intelligence or classified information. This could be made still tighter by a requirement that subordinate officials file reports of discussions with outsiders setting forth the information provided, the identity of the recipient and the justification for providing such information.

-- As a further sanction all government officials with authorized access to information relating to especially sensitive DoD or intelligence matters might be made subject to a polygraph examination in connection with FBI investigations of specific security breaches. Refusal to take a polygraph examination in these circumstances could be made grounds for dismissal from the government.

/s/ William J. Casey
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Attachment

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